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INITIALLY NAMED PAYEE OF
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

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Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered in the record for the patent application for the above captioned matter before the issuance of a First Office Action.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 7-9, 12, and 14-19 as follows:

7. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim [5] 6 wherein said machine-readable information is in magnetic ink character recognition fonts.
8. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim [5] 6 wherein said machine-readable information is in optical character recognition fonts.
9. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim [5] 6 wherein said machine-readable information is in bar coded fonts.